

23. A method as recited in claim 13 wherein the first gaseous stream is steam having a pressure between about 4.5-5.5 bar absolute and a temperature between about 140°-160°C.

24. A method as recited in claim 21 wherein steps (a)-(c) are practiced so that a volume of the second gaseous stream is at least about 10% greater than would be discharged as steam from the flash tank without the utilization of the ejector under otherwise substantially identical conditions.--

REMARKS

In view of the restriction requirement, applicants elect Group II claims corresponding to claims 13 to 15. The election is made without traverse. In addition, dependent claims 21 through 24 have been added. These dependent claims all fall under method claim 13 and are within the scope of Group II claims.

This application is in good condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone applicants' attorney if minor changes are needed to place this application in condition for allowance. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of this application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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